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IN A MEETING ON FEBRUARY 19 WITH FONOFF POLITICAL
DIRECTOR VAN WELL, AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND RAISED INTER
ALIA THE CANADIAN COMMITMENT TO NATO. THE AMBASSADOR
EMPHASIZED U.S. INTEREST IN MAINTAINING A STRONG NATO
POSTURE AND OUTLINED THE POINTS SET FORTH IN PARA. 3,
REFTEL. THE AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT
MIGHT WISH TO MAKE THESE ARGUMENTS IN HIS DISCUSSIONS
WITH TRUDEAU. VAN WELL AGREED THAT A SUBSTANTIAL
CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN NATO WAS MOST IMPORTANT TO
THE FRG, AND HE INDICATED THE MATTER WOULD BE RAISED
WITH TRUDEAU DURING HIS VISIT.
HILLENBRAND

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